

State Dept asked NYC Medical Examiner not to disclose cause of death of Russian UN ambassador who died last month

VITALY CHURKIN

"In order to comply with international law and protocol, the New York City Law Department has instructed the Office of Chief Medical Examiner to not publicly disclose the cause and manner of death of Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations. As outlined in formal requests from the United States Department of State, Ambassador Churkin's diplomatic immunity survives his death. Further questions concerning this matter should be directed to the United States Department of State," said Julie Bolcer, spokesperson for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

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